

Lemoine RSU Withdrawal Committee Meeting
April 8, 2013

Attendees: Gordon Donaldson
Brett Jones
Gary McFarland
Doug Stewart

Meeting was called to order at 6:50 PM

Gordon Donaldson distributed an exhibit from the Maine Board of Education web site entitled "Procedures For Withdrawal from a Regional School Unit". He indicated we are currently at Step 9 and that we needed to carefully review the next steps to exactly what we needed to do and when we needed to do it to establish an "election day" which now seems to be November 5.

There was a discussion of the feasibility of developing a tentative interim budget and requesting the Select Board to establish an advisory committee to oversee the process. It is hoped the committee could include people who were familiar with the budgeting process.

Gordon Donaldson presented outlines of budgets from 2008-09 thru 2012-13. There were some questions regarding exact staffing levels. There was further discussion regarding the 2008-09 Budget and how it would relate to a projected 2013-14 Draft budget.

Brett Jones was asked if he could get some quotes on what the cost of Special Education, Food Services and Technology is if we opted to subcontract them from the RSU.

Notes were presented from a draft of a March 9, 2012 meeting discussing "Designing a New School District". The meeting was attended by representatives from Hancock and Lemoine. This draft would serve as a basis to research the feasibility of a Ellsworth, Hancock, Lemoine school district at some point in the future depending on the result of the withdrawal elections.

Brett Jones updated the Committee on the results of the last RSU 24 Budget Meeting. He indicated there would be a reduction

of \$1,200,000 in State funding and an
addition of \$480,000 fund pension's.
There was discussion of a surplus in
undesignated funds and whether to spend
them in one year or two.

There was to be a general meeting of
the Ellsworth, Hercock and Lemoine Committees
at 4:30, Tuesday, April 9 to communicate
where we were in the process. Brett
Joms and Doug Stewart were scheduled to
attend, schedules permitting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM